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SUBJECT: "TIMES" EDITORIAL ON OIL AND THE EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY

1. THE LEAD EDITORIAL IN "THE TIMES" OF NOVEMBER 6 CALLS  
FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE ARAB EMBARGO  
ON OIL SUPPLIES TO THE NETHERLANDS.

2. THE EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE ARAB GOAL IS NOT TO  
BREAK UP THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY INTO A PRO-ARAB AND A  
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PRO-ISRAEL CAMP, BUT TO DETACH WESTERN EUROPE AS A WHOLE

FROM ISRAEL AND TO MAKE IT SUPPORT THE ARAB CAUSE "MORE EFFECTIVELY AND MORE EXPLICITLY." SINCE A BOYCOTT OF ROTTERDAM WILL BE FELT IN OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE ARABS HOPE THAT THE EC WILL HAVE AN INCENTIVE "TO BRING ITS OWN BACKSLIDERS INTO LINE AND TO MAKE ITS COLLECTIVE SUPPORT FOR ARAB DEMANDS MORE AUDIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN WASHINGTON."

3. IN THE FACE OF THIS CHALLENGE, THE EDITORIAL SAYS, "IT MUST BE MADE QUITE CLEAR TO THE ARABS THAT EUROPEAN UNITY IS A THING THAT WE WILL NOT SACRIFICE .... THIS IS A CHANCE FOR FRANCE AND BRITAIN, ESPECIALLY, TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR LONG CULTIVATION OF ARAB FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN OF REAL USE. THEY MUST USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO OBTAIN A HEARING FROM THE ARABS OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S OWN STATEMENT OF ITS POLICY (WHICH IS VERY FAR FROM BEING A RABIDLY PRO-ISRAELI ONE); AND THEY MUST TELL THE ARABS THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL STAND OR FALL AS A UNIT BY ITS POLICIES JOINTLY DECLARED, RATHER THAN LET ITS MEMBERS BE PICKED OFF ONE BY ONE ACCORDING TO A THIRD PARTY'S SUBJECTIVE ESTIMATE OF THEIR POSITIONS."

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